

NORTHALLERTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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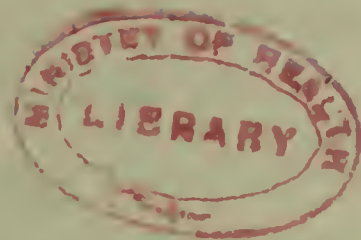
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30th June, 1943.
A.E. Milne, M.B., Ch.B. from
30th June, 1943.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1943

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ending
31st December, 1943.

In view of War Conditions the Minister of Health recommended in Circular 10/44 that the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health, should be of an interim nature and confined to essential and urgent matters or those arising out of the War. I have, therefore, reported briefly on the important features only but have included the statistics in an abbreviated form.

Vital Statistics, 1943

Births per 1000 population	-	14.4
Deaths " " "	-	12.7
Infant Mortality per 1000 live births	-	89.8
Deaths arising out of Pregnancy or Childbirth	-	Nil
Deaths occurring from Whooping Cough or Infantile Diarrhoea	-	1

Infectious & Notifiable Diseases:

Diphtheria	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	10
Pneumonia	-	13
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	3
Measles	-	21
Whooping Cough	-	4

Tuberculosis:-

New cases	-	6
Deaths	-	1

Government Evacuation Scheme:

A Sick Bay providing for six beds was made available in the early part of the year by alterations to the outbuildings. The main building at Mill Hill continued up to October, 1943 to be used as a Hostel, children being drawn from all parts of the North Riding, both boys and girls up to eleven years of age. Despite representations made by this Authority the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health decided in view of staffing difficulties that the premises would not be used as a Hostel and the children were transferred to other Hostels in the North Riding during October. The number of children remaining billeted under the Evacuation Scheme in this district and the surrounding Rural area were insufficient to justify the continuance of the premises for Sick Bay purposes only and it was therefore decided to close the building which was then left on a care and maintenance basis. It is to be regretted that the good work carried on over three years at the Sick Bay and Hostel could not have been continued.

Maternity and Child Welfare:

The Emergency Maternity Hospital at Mount Pleasant is run under the direction of the Local Supervising Authority, in this case the North Riding County Council.

Laboratory Service:

The emergency public health laboratory established in 1942 by the Medical Research Council at the County Hall continues to give good service.

Immunisation against Diphtheria:

The immunisation of children between 1 and 15 years of age was continued during the year, and the following shows the position at the close of the year:-

Children between 1 year and 5 years of age 43% were treated

Children between 5 years and 15 years of age 71% were treated

Emergency Services:

The personnel of the Casualty Services maintained their high standard of efficiency throughout the year.

Salvage of Waste Materials - Year 1943:

The following quantities and description of salvaged goods were collected and disposed of:-

	tons	cwts.	qrs.
Paper	63	5	3
Ferrous Metal	10	5	-
Non Ferrous Metal	-	6	2
Unflattened Tins	99	15	1
Textiles	4	4	-
Household Bones	2	-	3
Glass	-	10	2
Rubber	1	1	-

The special Book Drive held in August and September resulted in the following total:-

Books for Services	3,000
" " Libraries	300
" " Children	600
Residue for Salvage	<u>14,400</u>
Total	<u><u>18,300</u></u>

The Collection of kitchen waste by Farmers from communal bins supplied by the Council continues in force as described in a previous report.

Meat Inspection:

Due to illness Mr. J.R. White was unable to take up his duties in Northallerton until April 1943, the work of inspection being continued by the Council's Sanitary Inspector. The Central Slaughter House continued to operate and inspection of meat at this Depot was carried out by Mr. White in conjunction with other duties of Food Inspection.

Housing:

Certain essential repairs of house property were effected by informal action. A Statutory Notice was served under Sec. 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, arising from lack of air space and insufficient light and ventilation of a Tennis Pavilion used as a dwelling, and as a result the use of the building for human habitation was terminated.

Clean Milk Production:

One change of occupation in registered premises occurred and one additional registration was effected.

The occupier of a Knackers Yard applied for registration of a part of his premises for dairy purposes. There appeared to be no direct method of refusing registration (except for retailers), but the application was ultimately withdrawn.

One case of unsatisfactory samples referred to the Council by the War Agricultural Executive Committee was investigated and recommendations made. Complaint made by a consumer of milk below a proper standard of keeping quality was examined and samples tested did not confirm the complaint.

Water Supply:

A considerable part of the remainder of the trunk syphon was duplicated during the year - the work being commenced about the end of May and completed in December. The arrangement of cross over connection enabled the various sections duplicated to be brought into use as completed and this additional supply was made available for the R.A.F. Hospital as required.

Infestation Order:

A preliminary report was made during the year under this Order.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A.E. MILNE

Medical Officer of Health

1st May, 1945

